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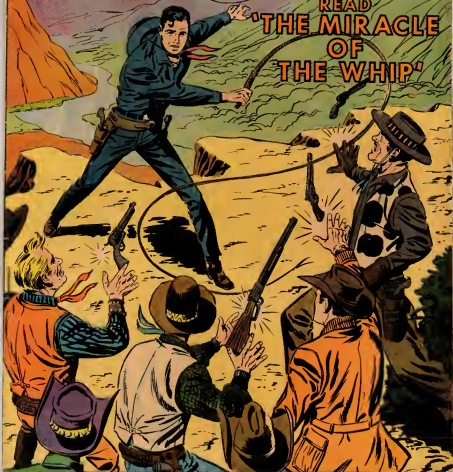
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LASH LA RUE

in **THE
MIRACLE OF
THE WHIP**

THOSE WERE SHOTS,
RUSH,
COMING FROM
TOWN! LET'S MOVE!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN

THE REDMOND'S BUNCH WERE RUTHLESS AND LIGHTNING-SWIFT GUNHANDS! WHEN THEY STRUCK, NO ONE DARED STAND IN THEIR PATH! IT WAS THAT WAY AT BOXTON WHEN THEY CLEANED OUT THE BANK...



GET CLEAR, BOYS... THESE JEELFISH AIN'T GONNA FOLLOW US OUTA TOWN!

TWO MILES OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF BOXTON, LASH LARUE WAS ON HIS WAY...

GO, RUSH... EAT THE MILES! THERE'S TROUBLE IN TOWN!



REDMOND HAD A LONG LEAD BY THE TIME THE ROVING MARSHAL ARRIVED...

LARUE! TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T GET HERE TEN MINUTES EARLIER! REDMOND'S GANG CLEANED OUT THE BANK! YOU'VE GOT TO GET THAT MONEY BACK, LASH! IF YOU DON'T, THIS TOWN'S RUINED!

I'LL DO MY BEST! TELL THE SHERIFF TO FOLLOW MY TRAIL WHEN HE GETS TO TOWN!



THEY CAME THIS WAY, RUSH! THEY'RE NOT HIDING THEIR TRACKS NOW! SEEMS LIKE THEY WANT ME TO BLUNDER AHEAD THROUGH THAT CANYON!



IF THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT, WE'LL OBLIGE. OL' BUDDY! EASY BOY... I SMELL COMPANY REAL CLOSE BY!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN

ONE MAN HAD BEEN LEFT TO WATCH THE BACK TRAIL... AN EXPERT MARKSMAN...



DON'T LEAVE ME, LARUE! I THINK I BUSTED A LEG!

REDMOND'LL HELP YOU BACK TO TOWN, CHUM... HE'LL BE ON HIS WAY TO THE CALABOOSE REAL SOON!

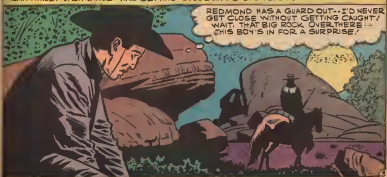


IKE REDMOND'S HIDEOUT IN THE RIMROCK WAS IDEAL... THE KINGPIN OF THE OWL-HOOTERS FELT SAFE ONCE THEY ARRIVED...

I'LL SEND 'EM A RELIEF OUT IN SIX HOURS, CLINT! NOBODY'S ON OUR TRAIL BUT WE'LL PLAY IT SAFE!



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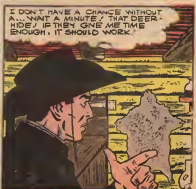
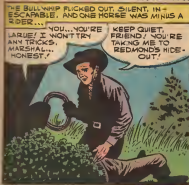
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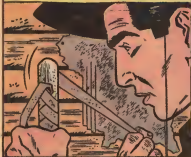
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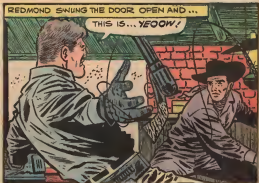


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USING BROKEN GLASS, LASH WENT TO WORK ON THE DEERHIDE! HE USED PART OF A CHAIR LEG TO STIFFEN THE BUTT...



IN THE MEANTIME, THE REDMOND GANG HAD DRAWN STRAWS TO SEE WHO WOULD 'TAKE ON' LASH LA RUE...



WIELDING THE BULLWHIP LIKE A DANCING FLAME, THE MARSHAL ATTACKED! REDMOND'S CREW, COMPLETELY SURPRISED, DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE...



LATER, IN THE BOXTON JAIL...



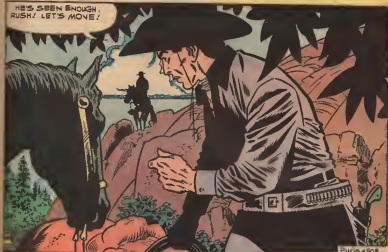
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HE LAUGHED AT LAWYERS... RACE CAREL, MOUNTED ON SULTAN, THE FINEST ARABIAN STALLION IN THE COUNTRY, COULD OUTFUR ANY POSSE! HE WAS CHAINED LIGHTNING WITH A COLT, AS CUNNING AS A FOX, AND THE SHERIFFS IN THE BORDER COUNTRY GAVE UP TRYING TO CATCH HIM! THEN LASH LA RUE CAME ALONG... DISGUISED AS A HORSE TRADER, USING HIS GREAT HORSE, RUSH, AS BAIT.

LASH LA RUE IN HORSE THIEF'S HUNCH

HE'S SEEN ENOUGH, RUSH! LET'S MOVE!



THE MARSHAL KNEW HE WAS BEING WATCHED! AND HE KNEW THAT HORSE COULD ONLY BELONG TO ONE MAN... RACE CAREL...

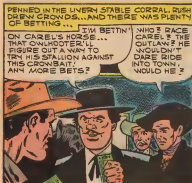
CAREL'S UP ON THAT RIDGE... HE'LL DRIFT INTO BUCKHORN AFTER HE SEES I'M STAYIN' THERE!



ONCE CAREL SEES RUSH AN HEARS MY STORY THAT HE'S A KENTUCKY BRED CHAMPION, HE'LL HAVE TO TRY TO GET HIM! CAREL'S A BUG ON FINE HORSES... THAT'S HIS ONLY SOFT SPOT!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN



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THEN, HE WAS GONE ... THE WHITE HORSE RACING EASILY AT A SPEED FEW HORSES COULD MATCH ...

HEY! HE CHALLENGES THE OWNER OF THE BLACK HORSE TO A RACE! SAYS THE WINNER GETS BOTH HORSES! YOU GONNA DO IT, MISTER?

WHY NOT? I KNOW MY HORSE CAN BEAT ANY HORSE IN THE WORLD! HON'LL WE MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS?



CAREL ALWAYS RACES IN THE SAME PLACE ... FROM THE COTTONWOOD AT THE EDGE OF TOWN TUN THE NEEDLE ROCK AT MESA AND BACK! HE'LL BE HERE AT THREE O'CLOCK!



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YOU'RE NOT BETTIN', MISTER? WHY RACE?

I WANT CAREL'S ARABIAN HORSE. THAT'S ALL! I NEED HIM FOR SOMETHING!



THREE O'CLOCK CAME ... EVERY MAN IN THE TERRITORY WHO'D HEARD ABOUT IT WAS THERE! CAREL APPEARED ON TIME ...

IF ANYONE TRIES TO TRAP ME, SOMEONE WILL GET HURT ... IT WON'T BE ME!

NO ONE'LL TRAP YOU RIGHT NOW, CAREL! WE'RE HERE FOR A HORSE RACE!



THE BETTING WAS HEAVY ... FOR SOME REASON, THE HONEST MEN PUT THEIR MONEY ON LASH LA RUE AND HIS BLACK HORSE! THEY DIDN'T KNOW LA RUE'S IDENTITY, BUT THEY HAD A HUNCH ...



I'LL FIRE WHEN I COUNT THREE, GENTS! ONE ...

GO, BOY! WE'VE BEEN CROSSED! LET'S TRAVEL!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN

THE ARABIAN WAS TREMENDOUSLY FAST... RACE CAREL PUSHING HIM ON, QUICKLY OPENED UP A WIDE LEAD...

EASH, BOY! WE'LL MAKE OUR MOVE NEAR THE FINISH LINE!



THAT'S IT, RUSH! HE'S NOT GAINING ON US NOW! WE'RE NEAR THE TURNING POINT!



CAREL'S ARABIAN, THOUGH FAST, WASN'T AS AGILE AS RUSH... THE SECRET MARSHAL'S MOUNT SPUN QUICKLY AT NEEDLE ROCK AND...

NOW, RUSH!
NOW!



YAHOO! THE BLACK HORSE WINS! DON'T LET THAT GAMBLER GET AWAY WITHOUT PAININ' YOU OFF, MISTER!

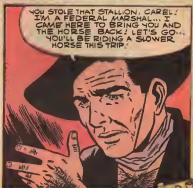
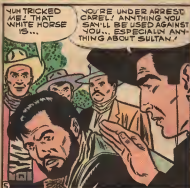


I'LL TAKE THAT HORSE, CAREL!

YUH FOOL! YUH DIDN'T THINK I'D PAN OFF, DID YUH?



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OUTLAW!

JOHNNY FRANCE PUSHED HIS HORSE TO A LAST DESPERATE EFFORT! THE MEXICAN BORDER WAS CLOSE AND ONCE ACROSS HE WAS SAFE! BEHIND THE YOUNG RIDER RODE SHERIFF FROSTY CAINE, A LAWMAN WHO NEVER GAVE UP!

I DIDN'T THINK
HE GOT SO CLOSE!
DOZED IN THE
SADDLE! I'M SO
TIRED... SO
TIRED...



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RECKON I SHOOK HIM AGAIN!
HIS CAYUSE AIN'T ANY
FRESHER THAN
MINE!



THRU THE NIGHT HE RODE!

I CAN FEEL
HIM BACK
THERE, STILL PATIENTLY
TRAILIN' ME! DON'T HE
EVER QUIT?



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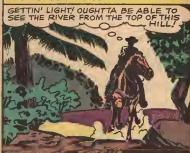
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LASH LA RUE WESTERN

BY MORNIN' I SHOULD SEE THE RIO GRAND!
ONCE ACROSS THAT I'M SAFE! EVEN
FROSTY CAINE CAN'T TOUCH ME!



IT WAS A LONG NIGHT FOR BONE-WEARY
JOHNNY! OFTEN HE SWAYED AND CAUGHT
HIMSELF FROM FALLING ASLEEP IN THE
SADDLE! FINALLY DAWN CAME...



GETTIN' LIGHT! OUGHTTA BE ABLE TO
SEE THE RIVER FROM THE TOP OF THIS
HILL!

THERE IT IS! I'LL SWAP HOGSES AT THAT
LITTLE RANCH SO I'LL HAVE A FRESH
MOUNT UNDER ME TO CROSS TH' RIVER ON!



LOOK OUT!



NERVES JUMPY AND DRAWN
WIRE-TIGHT BY THE PURSUIT
AND FATIGUE, JOHNNY RE-
ACTED AUTOMATICALLY...
HE DREW AND SHOT!



HE WASN'T SHOOTIN' AT ME
AT ALL! GUESS HE WAS HUNT-
IN' THIS PUMA HE WOUNDED!
HE WAS WARNIN' ME IT WAS
READY TO LEAP DOWN
ON ME!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN

"BIGGEST PUMA I EVER SAW! WOUNDED AN' UGLY IT SHORE WOULD'VE MADE QUICK WORK OF ME IF THAT JASPER HADN'T SHOT!"



JOHNNY WALKED TO THE DOWNED MAN AND EXAMINED HIM...

BAD HIT, BUT I CAN'T DO ANYTHIN' FOR HIM! CAN'T STOP LONG ENOUGH! GOT TO THINK OF MYSELF! MEXICO'S CLOSE! A COUPLE OF HOURS AN' I'LL BE SAFE!



HE TOLD HIMSELF THAT! HE TRIED TO STEEL HIMSELF, TO BE HARD...

BUT HE SAVED MY LIFE! I FIGGERED TO STOP AT THAT RANCH DOWN THERE ANYWAY SO MIGHT AS WELL TAKE HIM DOWN! SOMEONE THERE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM!



JOHNNY PACKED THE WOUNDED MAN TO THE TINY RANCH...

DON'T SEEM LIKE NO ONE'S AROUND.

ALL... ALL ALONE! LIVE HERE... ALONE!



THE MAN'S HEAD FELL BACK AND HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING MORE. JOHNNY PUT HIM ON THE BED...

HE'S GONNA DIE IF THAT BULLET AIN'T TAKEN OUT! BUT I CAN'T FOOL AROUND HERE! WITH FROSTY CAINE ON MY TRAIL AN' THE BORDER ONLY A FEW MILES AWAY...



WELL, RECKON IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO GIT THAT LEAD OUT! HE SAVED MY LIFE SO RECKON I OWE HIM THAT MUCH!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN

JOHNNY FRANCE PERFORMED HIS CRUDE SURGERY...THE SHOT MAN LAPPED INTO A COMA...

HE FOUND A FRESH HORSE IN THE CORRAL AND CHANGED SADDLES...

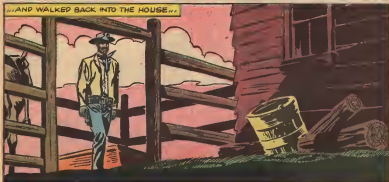
HE STOOD GILENT FOR A MOMENT...THEN HE SHRUGGED HAD A LONG LOOK AT THE RIVER...THE RIVER BEYOND WHICH WAS SAFETY...

THAT'S THAT! ABOUT ALL I CAN DO FOR HIM!

NOBODY TO TEND TO HIM, HE'LL DIE SURE! BANDAGES GOTTA BE CHANGED! HE'LL HAVE FEVER AN' NEED WATER! NEED FOOD TOO, TO GIVE HIM STRENGTH! TOUGH ON HIM... BUT I CAN'T STAY...



...AND WALKED BACK INTO THE HOUSE...



HE TOOK CARE OF THE MAN, NURSED HIM THRU THE CRISIS, ON THE SECOND DAY THE FEVER BROKE...

HE'S SLEEPIN' NORMAL... HE'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF NOW!



RECKON IT'S TIME I PULLED OUT...

HOLD IT, JOHNNY! TURN AROUND SLOW WITH YOUR HANDS HIGH!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN

YUH CAUGHT UP WITH ME, FROSTY! JUST ANOTHER FEW MINUTES...

NO, JOHNNY! I'VE BEEN WATCHIN' YUH TAKIN' CARE OF THIS FELLER FOR TWO DAYS! GOOD JOB YUH DID, TOO! PULLED HIM THRU! WOULD'VE DIED IF IT WERENT FOR YOU!



I SHOT HIM! IT WAS A MISTAKE! THOUGHT HE WAS SHOOTIN' AT ME!

SO? BUT YUH COULD'VE LEFT HIM, JOHNNY... YOU'RE AN OUTLAW, YOU COULD'VE BEEN SAFE OVER THE BORDER!



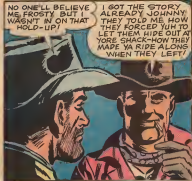
YEAH, I KNOW, BUT I COULDN'T LEAVE HIM! HE SAVED MY LIFE... I HAD TO SAVE HIS!

YEAH, EVEN THO IT MEANT YOUR CAPTURE!



NO ONE'LL BELIEVE ME, FROSTY! BUT I WASN'T IN ON THAT HOLD-UP!

I GOT THE STORY ALREADY JOHNNY! THEY TOLD ME HOW THEY FORCED YUH TO LET THEM HIDE OUT AT YORE SHACK-HOW THEY MADE YA RIDE ALONG WHEN THEY LEFT!



I KNEW THE BUNCH-BUT THEY WEREN'T MY FRIENDS! WHEN THE POSSE JUMPED US, I JUST RAN! I DIDN'T FIGHT! HOW COME YUH CHASED ME IF YUH KNEW I WAS INNOCENT?

I KNEW YUH THOUGHT YUH WERE AN OUTLAW. IF I LET YUH GET TO MEXICO THINKIN' THAT THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU'D BECOME!

THANKS, FROSTY! A WHILE BACK, WHEN I WAS RUNNIN', I HATED YUH-NOW I THINK YOU'RE TOPS!



END



The cowboys of the Bar-H Ranch were now all in the bunkhouse. By all the rules of the game they should have been tired after a hard day's work. Some were reclining on their beds. A few had their feet up against the cold stove. But they were mentally alert. Nothing like speculation to keep a person from falling into a rut.

"I just can't figure out this Goro fellow," admitted Ray Grayson who was foreman of the ranch. "He comes here with Marshal Townsend. The two of them make the long ride from Benton City. Then they go into some kind of an important pow-wow with the boss. You know old man Coughlin. He can keep a tight lip. He won't talk and you daren't ask him questions: What's his game?"

"That's what we are all trying to figure out," interrupted Alex Werner. "What a name that guy has. Goro Kurankini! I can't even figure out from where he comes. But this much we all know. The boss gave orders that this Goro fellow is to have a free hand. Whatever he wants, we got to do."

Lou Parson looked at all the cowhands in the bunk. The time had come to meet the issue.

"Seems to me you are all scared of something and won't say it. So I'll say it. You think this Goro fellow is some kind of a law man. And that he is looking for somebody on this here ranch. Playing a sort of cat-and-mouse game. He is taking his time and when he finds — whatever it is he is trying to find — then he makes the next move. Well, it could be. And then again, it might not be at all."

"Well said," congratulated the foreman. "So let's get one thing straightened out right now. I know you fellows from A to Z. Stop looking

at each other with that worried look. I figure you are all straight. There's no one here trying to run away from the law."

There was a silence for a few minutes. Ray Grayson had something else to say.

"We all know that Ben Farley is sweet on the boss' daughter, Claire. They figured to get hitched some time at the end of the year. We wouldn't want this Goro fellow to spoil things. I got a feeling he doesn't belong here."

There was no further comment. In the large living room of the ranch was the man under discussion. He was in his late forties, big and powerfully built. He was seated in a comfortable chair. Opposite him were Claire Coughlin and Ben Farley.

"I shall leave at the end of the week," he told them. "It has been a wonderful stay here at the ranch and I have learned what I wanted to know."

The door to the ranch house opened and the foreman came in. He spotted his boss seated at the end of the room.

"Sorry, for buttin' in this way," he apologized. "But Chief Long Lance has sent his son, Spotted Eagle to see you. He is waiting outside. The tribe is running short of food. Want to know if you could help them?"

James Coughlin had known in his youth what it was to be hungry and penniless. Sure, he would like to help the Indians. But what could he do? Spare a few steers? How long would they last? And then what?

He followed his foreman outside and saluted the oldest son of Chief Long Lance.

"We hungry," were the two words he said.

"You shall be fed," exclaimed Goro Kurankini. "Don't worry about it, James. I'll buy the beef

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from you and your cowboys deliver it. I will go along."

The next day the cowboys cut out a hundred head of cattle from the group on the southern section of the ranch. Then they started on the trail that would lead them to the Indian Village. Ven Farley rode next to Claire Coughlin who had insisted on accompanying her father and the group of cowboys.

"I just don't get it," said Ben Farley. "I figured this Goro fellow is here on some kind of a secret law mission. He can ride a horse as well as any of us. Now this sudden charity deal of his has got all of us guessing. He told your father he would keep on buying as much as was needed to feed the Indians for a long time to come. That sounds wonderful. But why should he have added: This gives me a wonderful idea! What idea does it give him?"

"Suppose you stop trying to figure him out," teased Claire. "I think that Mr. Kurankini is a wonderful man. Kind and charitable and very brilliant."

"Say I hope you aren't falling for him," objected Ben.

"Don't be silly," comforted Claire. "You know you are the only man I love. And he's old enough to be my father. But this I will admit. I haven't the slightest idea of why he is here. But don't think I haven't been observing things. He has been looking around at every inch of the ranch."

"Think he wants to buy it?" asked Ben.

"I don't think so," admitted Claire. "But I can tell you this. He has been watching the two of us very carefully. And also our foreman. Now figure that out if you can."

The man under discussion was riding next to James Coughlin. It was a five hour trip to the Indian village. There they were greeted by Chief Long Lance. James Coughlin explained that the gifts of the steers was from Goro Kurankini. The Chief was completely puzzled. And what complicated facts was that an hour later three wagons full of corn and other cereals arrived. There would be enough food for a long time to come.

"We have big celebration," announced the chief. "We prepare lodges for our guests."

There was much feasting that night. Then Chief Long Lance took a bonnet and placed it on the head of Goro Kurankini.

"You now chief of our tribe," he informed him. "I am only second chief. We call you Great Chief. You big man. You kind man. We follow you in anything."

"Anything?" said Chief Great with a smile on his face.

"My word is the word of my people," was the simple reply.

It was past midnight when they all retired

and everybody slept well. In the morning four more wagons arrived. Marshal Townsend was with the group of men in charge of the wagons. Goro told him all that had happened. Then they summoned Chief Song Lance and his leading braves. Great Chief spoke.

"When it is dark I shall show you something wonderful. You will all promise to sit quiet and do not move until it is over."

The promise was given. The cowboys were curious and wanted to peek into one of the wagons but were shooed away. After supper a large white sheet was set up between two poles. Then a strange box was set at a distance from it. Suddenly pictures appeared on the sheet. Pictures of farmers in a field. They were moving.

"What is this?" whispered one of the cowboys. "I never heard of pictures that moved? Wonder how they do it?"

The Indians sat through a film that lasted twenty minutes. Then their white chief spoke to them.

"You are people with pride. You do not wish charity. You can work for your new chief. You will be paid well in gold. I will make pictures like these. Marshall Townsend has written a story. It is a story about the West. You will all act in this story. We will use the ranch and part of the village."

There must be a heroine. She will be Claire Coughlin. There will be a hero. He will be Ben Farley. And we must have a villain. He will be Ray Grayson."

And so on that day in the year 1909, the arrangements were made for one of the earliest western silent pictures to be produced. Goro Kurankini had left his studio back in New Jersey with an idea in his head: He would go West and make a picture using real people who did things as actors. And he would use the real sets of nature instead of props in a studio.

He remembered once having done a favor for James Coughlin and had secret communication with him. He didn't want his idea to "leak out" so that rival producers would get in ahead of him.

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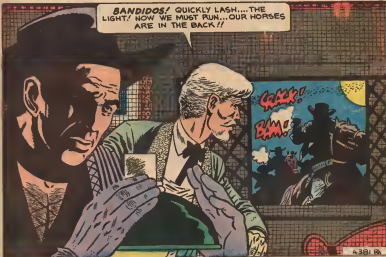
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LASH LA RUE *in* BANDIDOS



BANDIDOS! QUICKLY LASH....THE LIGHT! NOW WE MUST RUN...OUR HORSES ARE IN THE BACK!!



**SMASH THROUGH THEM, AMIGO!
HOLA! LET US GO!**



**IN THE DARK AND THE FIGHTING
CONFUSION THEY SMASHED
THROUGH THE BANDITS AND
WERE AWAY!**

LASH LA RUE WESTERN

ALL MY PEOPLE ARE AWAY TO MY COUSIN'S WHERE THEY HOLD FIESTA, AND MY MEN ARE ON THE RANGE TENDING THE CATTLE. IT IS A BLESSING!

THEY'LL RANSACK YOUR HOME, AMIGO!

WHAT THEY DESTROY I CAN REPLACE! THE LIVES OF DEAR ONES ARE NOT REPLACEABLE! BUT WHERE DO THEY GET THE GUNS AND AMMUNITION TO DO THIS RAIDING?

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE BANDIDOS?



ONLY THAT THEY ARE INDIANS, HALF BREEDS AND MEXICANS WHO ARE ALL RENEGADES AND ESCAPED CONVICTS, OUTLAWS ALL! THEY ARE LED BY EL TIGRE, A FORMER REVOLUTIONARY! THEY CROSS THE BORDER AND STRIKE, THEN RE-CROSS AND HIDE IN MEXICO!

THE MEXICAN RURALES HAVE SEARCHED IN VAIN FOR THEIR HIDING PLACE! BUT WHO WOULD SELL SUCH VERMIN ARMS, KNOWING WHAT THEY WILL USE THEM FOR?

I DON'T KNOW, AMIGO! THERE'S YOUR COUSIN'S HACIENDA! YOU CAN CONTACT THE MARSHAL AND RETURN WITH A POSSE!



LASH SAW HIS FRIEND TO SAFETY, THEN RODE TOWARD THE TOWN OF TAOS!

IF I WASN'T ON VACATION I'D LOOK FURTHER INTO THIS! BUT I RECKON THE LAW WILL GET THEM, SOON ENOUGH!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN



LASH LA RUE WESTERN

LASH WAS INTRODUCED TO THE OTHER TWO GUARDS, FOX AND CORBY, HARDCASE GUNMEN, AND DIEGO, THE DRIVER.

THE WAGON TRUNDLED ALONG WITHOUT MISHAP UNTIL LATE IN THE DAY. THE ROAD HAD BECOME ROUGH!

YOU ARE NOT LIKE THE OTHERS, AMIGO. TO YOU DIEGO CAN TALK. EH? SOON, EEN SONORA, MY WIFE SHE MAKE ME A FATHER, SI! DIEGO'S FIRST BORN!

WELL! GOOD LUCK, MY FRIEND!



LOOKOUT SENOR! THE WAGON... SHE GO OVER!



WHY YUH CLUMSY LITTLE.

BACK OFF! SO THAT'S IT, EH? GUNS, HIDDEN UNDER THE ORE! GUNS FOR EL TIGRE'S MEN!



YOU KNOW TOO MUCH SENOR! I TOLD MY FRIEND CAP ABOUT YOU HELPING DON SEBASTIAN TO GET AWAY! AND HE SAW YOU AND SENT YOU TO ME! TAKE HIS WEAPONS!



EL TIGRE! DIEGO'S GETTING AWAY!

HE WEEL NOT GET FAR! FIRST WE WEEL TAKE CARE OF THEES ONE! STAND HEEM AGAINST THE TREE AND LINE UP A FIRING SQUAD!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN



READY!...
AIM!...

QUICKLY, SENOR
.....JUMP!



THEY'LL CATCH
US IN A FEW
MINUTES!

NO, SENOR! UNDER
THE WAGON SEAT
THERE IS DYNAMITE!
THEES WE'LL STOP
EVEN EL TIGRE!

AND IT DID STOP EL TIGRE! STOPPED HIM
IN HIS TRACKS!

THAT DID IT! DIEGO, NOTIFY THE
RURALES! I'VE GOT A DATE IN
TAOS WITH A MAN WHO SELLS GUNS
TO CUTTHROATS!



THAT NIGHT, IN TAOS....



CAP MASON, YOU'VE RUN YOUR
LAST GUN, OVER THE BORDER!

AND A WEEK LATER, IN SONORA.....



HAVE YOU
HEARD
SENOR? EL
TIGRE WAS
TAKEN BY
THE
RURALES!

GOOD! NOW, AMIGO
PERHAPS YOU WILL POINT
THE WAY TO THE HOME
OF DIEGO WHOSE WIFE
HAS GIVEN HIM HIS FIRST
BORN? I HAVE MANY
PRESENTS FOR THEM!

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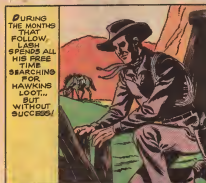
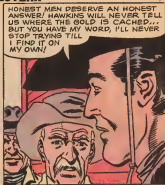
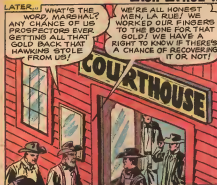
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THE MAN WHO HATED
LASH LA RUE



NOBODY
DOES! BUT
WHAT CAN
WE DO
ABOUT IT?

WE TRIED EVERYTHING TO MAKE HAWKINS
TELL US WHERE THE GOLD WAS! HE JUST
KEPT MUMBLING HOW HE'D
STILL BE FREE IF NOT FOR
YOU, LASH... AND HOW
HE HATES YOU... AND
MEANS TO BREAK OUT
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AFTER A SHORT RIDE ON THE TRAIL LEADING TO THE FOOT-HILLS...

WHAT'RE YOU STOPPING FOR, HAWKINS? OUR DEAL WAS TO RIDE STRAIGHT TO THE LOOT!

THE DEAL'S OFF, TYRELL!



I'M NOT SPLITTING THAT GOLD WITH ANYBODY!



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LATER...

NOW FOR THE GOLD!



LASH LA RUE WESTERN



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